

EPA-HQ-2017-003545

From the requestors:

Environmental Defense Fund (“EDF”) respectfully requests records, as that term is defined at 5 U.S.C. § 552(f)(2) of the Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”), of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA” or the “Agency”). Specifically, EDF requests all records that:

- 1) relate to staffing levels of the Agency overall or of divisions, departments, offices, or other organizational units or subunits thereof;
- 2) relate to the organization, leadership, or management of Agency research and policy departments related to climate change or air pollution;
- 3) relate to the Endangerment Finding for Greenhouse Gases or the Cause or Contribute Finding for Greenhouse Gases under Section 202(a) of the Clean Air Act, 74 Fed. Reg. 66,496 (Dec. 15, 2009) (“Endangerment Finding”), including any prospect of rescinding, modifying, or reassessing any aspect thereof;
- 4) relate to EPA’s legal authority to regulate greenhouse gas emissions;
- 5) relate to the social cost of carbon or social cost of methane; or
- 6) relate to the action plan and/or advisory document referenced in the attached articles,¹ including any draft or final version thereof, developed by or for the Trump Administration’s transition team.

All searches will use the custodians listed in the Part B excel file.

Date Range: November 8, 2016 to August 31, 2017

Sources to Search: Outlook, Outlook Archive

We will use the following search criteria: “Staff* level*” OR “Social Cost of Carbon” OR “SCC” OR “Social Cost of Methane” OR “SCM” OR (“Greenhouse Gas* OR “GHG*”) AND (“Endangerment Finding” OR “Cause or Contribute Finding” OR “Non-Endangerment Reconsideration” OR “legal authority”)) OR (“science” and “agency action plan”)

Saved searches will be set up in relativity based on request.

Notes: De-dupe. Documents should be placed into the workspace for ED_001277 for FOIA EPA-HQ-2017-005586. Please de-dupe against docs already in the workspace. Please also run the script to identify Master and duplicate attachments.

¹ Mike Allen, *Trumpworld Prepares to Hammer the EPA*, Axios (Jan. 23, 2017), <https://www.axios.com/trumpworld-prepares-to-hammer-the-epa-2209021483.html>; Ben Jervy, *Climate Science Denier Myron Ebell Explains How the Trump Team Will Gut the EPA, Abandon the Paris Agreement*, DeSmog (Jan. 31, 2017), <https://www.desmogblog.com/2017/01/31/myron-ebell-epa-transition-how-trump-gut-epa-abandon-paris-agreement>.